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2. Emergency Planning
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The members noted the memorandum on "USIB Emergency Planning" prepared by General Breitweiser in concert with General Erskine. The Board then discussed this paper and other pertinent factors, such as the organization and structure of the intelligence community under emergency conditions, the various sets of circumstances in which the community might have to operate and the nature of guidance which might be given to Board subcommittees and working groups in formulating their emergency plans.

After exchanging views, the Board concurred in the suggestion of General Cabell, who was then presiding, that: (a) the subcommittees and working groups should proceed with their emergency planning on the basis of a spectrum of assumptions, i.e., on assumptions ranging from limited emergencies or partial relocation up to and including all-out nuclear war (in this connection, it was understood that the conclusion in paragraph IV, 1 of the 3 April 1956 paper on Emergency Planning (IAC-D-96/2)* should be considered as having no bearing on the task of war planning now facing the intelligence community); (b) Committees encountering interim difficulties in their planning which are impossible of resolution by the Committee present those problems to the Board for decision; and (c) if there be any fundamental questions relating to the general organization, structure and functioning of the intelligence community under emergency conditions then these should be re-scheduled for further discussion after General Breitweiser's return from a trip to the Far East.

*"1. The Impact of War on the Functions of the IAC: Our conclusion is that the impact of war will have little if any effect on the responsibilities of the IAC...."